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PANAMA FOR ROBERT PASTOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, VE, DR
SUBJECT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SITUATION

1. PRESIDENT PEREZ CALLED ME AT 5:45 P.. TODAY(MAY 18) TO
SAY THAT PASTRANA HAD JUST CALLED HIM FROM SANTO DOMINGO.

PASTRANA SAID AGAIN THAT THE OAS TEAM PLANS TO DEPART TOMORROW
MORNING (MAY 19) AT 8:30 A.M. PEREZ SAID THAT HE REMONSTRATED
STRONGLY WITH PASTRANA AND URGED THE OAS TEAM TO STAY. HE
POINTED OUT THAT THE OAS TEAM IS THE ONLY PRESENT MEANS TO
MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE AGAINST THE
QUOTE STEAL UNQUOTE OF THE ELECTION.

2. PEREZ SAID THAT PASTRANA DESCRIBED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF
CONFUSION. FOR EXAMPLE, ELECTROAL BOARD WORKERS WERE DIS-
LODGED FROM THEIR HEADQUARTERS BY THE ARMY AND THEN ALLOWED
TO RETURN AN HOUR LATER. PEREZ SAID THIS INDICATES TO
HIM CONTINUED DEBATE AND THRASHING WITHIN THE DR
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MILITARY AS TO WHETHER AND HOW TO QUOTE STEAL UNQUOTE
THE ELECTIONS. FOR THAT REASON, HE THOUGHT IT VITAL
THAT THE OAS TEAM REMAIN.

3. PEREZ ASKED THAT I PASS THE ABOVE TO WASHINGTON AND
ASKED THAT THE USG USE ITS INFLUENCE TO PERSUADE THE
OAS TEAM TO REMAIN. THIS, HE SAID, IS THE CRUCIAL POINT, AND

FIRMNESS AND WILL SHOULD BE MAINTAINED.

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